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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON SIERRA LEONEANS MOHAMED
MORLAI TURAY AND GEORGE GELEGA-KING

REF: STATE 141328 AND FREETOWN 1832.

1. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, TURAY'S ENTIRE WORK EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN IN THE FIELD OF BANKING WITH THE BANK OF SIERRA LEONE. PRIOR TO HIS NOMINATION HE WAS COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO MISSION PERSONNEL.

2. HE WAS BROUGHT UP AND EDUCATED BY ABDUL KARIM, SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT STEVENS. THIS SEEMS THE MOST LIKELY REASON FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES. HIS OWN PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT DO NOT SEEM OVERLY CLOSE BUT WE HAVE NOT SEEN ENOUGH OF HIM TO BE SURE ON THIS POINT.

3. HIS PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, WAYS OF OPERATING AND VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES ARE ESSENTIALLY THOSE OF A NEOPHYTE. IT SEEMS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT HE WILL LEAN HEAVILY ON THE EXPERIENCED PEOPLE ON HIS WASHINGTON STAFF. BY THE SAME TOKEN, HOWEVER, HE SHOULD BE RECEPTIVE AND RESPONSIVE TO ANY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL MAY GIVE HIM. HE IS AN ATTRACTIVE, SOFT-SPOKEN MAN WHO IS OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO PLEASE.
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4. SINCE GELEGA-KING HAS BEEN IN FRANCE SINCE 1974, NO ONE AT THIS MISSION HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HIM. WE ARE SEEKING A PHOTOGRAPH, HOWEVER, AND WILL FORWARD IT WHEN AVAILABLE.
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